IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, in this application.

1. (Currently Amended) A single layer anti-reflective hard-coat which comprises between 5 to 75 weight % of inorganic nano-particles to provide the hard-coat with a nano-structured surface having randomly distributed ridges and troughs,

wherein the ridges having a height in the range of 50-200nm and distances between ridges is less than about 400 nm,

wherein the hard-coat increases an optical transmission of a substrate on which the hard-coat is formed in at least a range of wavelengths of the electromagnetic spectrum and exhibits a refractive index gradient normal to the substrate that decreases from that of the hard-coat to that of air over a spatial length scale, and

wherein the hard-coat has a hardness above 0.7 GPa and scratch resistance above 5 mJ μ m⁻³, as measured with nano-indentation on a bulk material that is used to make the hard-coat, and

wherein the hard-coat is prepared by a process comprising the steps of:

- a) applying a mixture on a substrate, which mixture comprises
- i. at least a first material which does not crosslink under the conditions chosen in step b), said first material being hydroxypropyl cellulose
- <u>ii.</u> at least a second material which does crosslink under the conditions chosen in step b)
 - iii. nano-particles, and
 - iv. optionally at least one solvent

- b) inducing crosslinking in the mixture applied to the substrate, subsequently removing at least part of the first material.
 - 2. (cancelled)
- 3. (Currently Amended) A hard coat A single layer anti-reflective hard-coat according to claim 1, having a hardness of above 1.0 GPa.
- 4. (Currently Amended) A hard-coat A single layer anti-reflective hard-coat according to claim 1 having a reduced tensile modulus above 3 GPa as measured by nano-indentation.
- 5. (Currently Amended) A hard-coat A single layer anti-reflective hard-coat according to claim 1 having a scratch resistance above 15 mJ μm⁻³ as measured by nano-indentation.
- 6. (Currently Amended) A hard-coat A single layer anti-reflective hard-coat according to claim 1 containing from 15 to 50 weight % of inorganic nano-particles.
 - 7-19. (cancelled)
- 20. (Currently Amended) Shaped articles comprising a <u>single layer anti-reflective</u> hard-coat according to claim 1.
- 21. (Currently Amended) A composite structure <u>comprising a single layer anti-reflective hard-coat</u> according to claim 4 wherein the hard-coat has a reduced tensile modulus above 8.5 GPa.
- 22. (Currently Amended) A composite structure <u>comprising a single layer anti-reflective hard-coat</u> according to claim 4 wherein the hard-coat has a reduced tensile modulus above 20 GPa.
- 23. (Currently Amended) A composite structure <u>comprising a single layer anti-reflective hard-coat</u> according to claim 4 wherein the hard-coat has a reduced tensile modulus above 40 GPa.

- 24. (Currently Amended) A hard coat A single layer anti-reflective hard-coat according to claim 5, having a scratch resistance above 30 mJ μm⁻³ as measured by nano-indentation.
- 25. (Currently Amended) A hard-coat A single layer anti-reflective hard-coat according to claim 5, having a scratch resistance above 60 mJ µm⁻³ as measured by nano-indentation.
- 26. (New) A single layer anti-reflective hard-coat wherein said hard coat is made from a composition comprising hydroxypropyl cellulose.